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INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON CLIMATE

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DR. EDWARD
S. EPSTEIN, US COCHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII TO DR. Y.S.
SEDUNOV, USSR COCHAIRMAN, WITH COPY TO DR. KAZAKOV, BOTH
OF HYDROMET. REQUEST AMCONSUL PASS COPY TO DR. BORISENKOV
AT MAIN GEOPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY.

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DR. Y.S. SEDUNOV
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12 PAVLIK MOROZOVA STREET
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DEAR DR. SEDUNOV:

THE US SIDE ACCEPTS YOUR PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE FOURTH MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 10, 1978.

WE WILL, THEREFORE, PLAN FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO ARRIVE NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1978, AND LEAVE THAT SAME DAY FOR BOULDER, COLORADO, WHERE THE MEETING WILL BE HELD. THIS WILL PERMIT THE ENTIRE WEEK OF AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 1 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1979. VISITS TO FACILITIES WILL BE SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 5-8, SINCE SEPTEMBER 4 IS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN PRIORITY ORDER FACILITIES THAT YOU WISH TO VISIT.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT THE THIRD MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII IN OCTOBER 1977, IT WAS AGREED THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD EXCHANGE VIEWPOINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER THE SCOPE OF WORKING GROUP VIII SHOULD BE EXPANDED. I PROPOSE THAT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS BE DISCUSSED AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII AS POTENTIAL NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION.

(A) THE EFFECTS OF LONG PERIOD (MONTHS TO YEARS) AND LARGE-SCALE (THOUSANDS OF KMS) OCEAN-ATMOSPHERE INTER-ACTIONS ON CLIMATE; (B) ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ON ACTIVITIES SUCH AS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE, ENERGYUSAGE, WATER DISTRIBUTION, AND AVAILABILITY; (C) CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL EVENTS SUCH AS CHANGES IN RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION, CHANGES IN RIVER RUNOFF, CHANGES IN LAKE LEVELS AND OTHER HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PARAMETERS THAT ARE INDICATORS OF FLUCTUATIONS IN CLIMATE; (D) DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES OF CLIMATE AND THE BASIS THAT SUCH STUDIES MIGHT BE USED TO CHARACTERIZE FUTURE STATES OF THE CLIMATE SYSTEM; (E) METHODS OF CLIMATE PREDICTION AND AN EVALUATION OF SUCH TECHNIQUES.

WE WOULD WELCOME THE VIEWS OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON THIS MATTER.

THE US SIDE ALSO ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL BY THE SOVIET SIDE THAT THE SYMPOSIUM ON CARBON DIOXIDE UNDER PROJECTS 02.08-11 AND 02.08-12 BE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20-29, 1978. AM I CORRECT IN RECALLING THAT YOU INDICATED AT GENEVA THAT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD IN DUSHANBE?

AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS AGREED THAT UP TO TEN US SCIENTISTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM. AS DISCUSSED AT

GENEVA, I SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FORMALLY THAT THE NUMBER BE INCREASED FROM TEN TO FOURTEEN FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON. UNDER PROJECT 02.08-11 THERE ARE TWO ITEMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION: (1) A SYMPOSIUM ON EMPIRICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC CLIMATE RESEARCH TO BE HELD DURING THE SECOND

HALF OF 1978; AND (2) A MEETING TO PLAN ACTIVITIES IN CLIMATE MODELING AND TO DISCUSS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION DURING 1978 AND BEYOND. I, THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT THESE TWO MEETINGS BE HELD DURING THE SYMPOSIUM ON CARBON DIOXIDE AND REQUEST THAT FOUR ADDITIONAL EXPERTS BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND TO COVER THESE TWO ITEMS. AS ALL THE TOPICS ARE INTERRELATED, THESE JOINT MEETINGS CAN BE VERY PRODUCTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.
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FICIAL TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE SCIENTISTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CAN ADJUST THEIR PERSONAL SCHEDULES.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

EDWARD S. EPSTEIN

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FOR SCICOUNS: THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE US VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO A MORE FOCUSED CLIMATE EFFORT ON SELECTED PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE ACTIVE INTEREST IN WORKING GROUP VIII MATTERS AND HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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